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## Re: NO PARK LIGHTS ON AT NIGHT FOR 5 NIGHTS IN A ROW!!

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Sat, Dec 16, 2017 at 5:37 PM

To: CRAIG DESILVA <craigdesilva@mac.com>

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Craig,

We inspected the gate and found it secure with the chain/lock/door mechanism in fair order. The gate needs to be re-aligned so that the metal doors meet properly. I'll follow up this week.

All other gates were in good order and the walk in gate/chain was secure in the open position.

We issued a work order to inspect and adjust the timer for the lights starting at sunset, daily.

Albert

*Albert Torres*

Captain

Park Rangers

[Albert.Torres@lacity.org](mailto:Albert.Torres@lacity.org)

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On Sat, Dec 16, 2017 at 3:52 PM, CRAIG DESILVA <[craigdesilva@mac.com](mailto:craigdesilva@mac.com)> wrote:

Albert,

Thank you much, I did lock it best I could, so the lock seems temporarily secure , but probably s good idea to send that person.

Thanks a lot , really appreciate your response .

Craig

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 16, 2017, at 11:44 AM, Albert Torres <[albert.torres@lacity.org](mailto:albert.torres@lacity.org)> wrote:

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> Craig,

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> I'll send a Ranger today to see if we can temporarily secure with

> chain and lock. We will submit an emergency job order. Thanks for the

> heads up and have a great weekend

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> Sent from my iPhone

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> Albert Torres

> Captain

> Park Rangers

> [323 644-6661](tel:3236446661)

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>> On Dec 16, 2017, at 10:31 AM, CRAIG DESILVA <[craigdesilva@mac.com](mailto:craigdesilva@mac.com)> wrote:

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>> Hi Sophia/ Albert,

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>> It appears the south west walk in gates of De Longpre Park that open onto Cherokee have been compromised. I personally locked them this am to the. best of my ability, ( really tough to do as it seems they've been forced open and they were left

unlocked (not good for the security of the park and mostly according to the Police department and my own experience , this leaves it difficult for the officers when Pursuing Perpetrators ( drug addicts, criminals etc), remember De Logpre Park is a Children's Designated Park!

>> Could you please make sure to send your crew out Monday to look at fixing this issue. FYI, there were broken beer bottles, a condom, and other paraphernalia there this am when I in a struggle, locked it. This is finally a Beautiful clean neighborhood that we spent years cleaning up and now it's coveted by many.

>> If you would like pictures, when I return home I will send them to you. I am sure this is as frustrating for you all as you have many parks to tend to, but know we sincerely appreciate it.

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>> Thank you.

>> Craig DeSilva

>> De Longpre Park Neighborhood Alliance

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>> On Nov 18, 2017, at 8:49 AM, CRAIG DESILVA < > wrote:

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>>> Thank you all. Also, to make you aware , whomever your staff is who's locking the Park at night, they are periodically locking transients inside, see picture I took this morning while De Longpre Park was still locked up from last night. This is a liability for the city , so we have to be sure everyone has exited when locking up the park at night.

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>>> Thank you .

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>>> Regards,

>>> Craig D

>>> De Longpre Park Neighborhood Alliance

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>>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>>> On Nov 16, 2017, at 5:49 PM, Sophia Pinacortez <[sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org](mailto:sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org)> wrote:

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>>>> Hi Frank/ Darryl :

>>>> As of 5:33pm the light are not on .

>>>> Can you please have the timer reset to 5 pm -6:30 am ?

>>>> Thanks ,

>>>> spc :-)

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>>>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>>>> On Nov 15, 2017, at 8:22 AM, Sophia Pinacortez <[sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org](mailto:sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org)> wrote:

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>>>>> Thank You 😊

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>>>>>> On Nov 15, 2017, at 6:32 AM, Frank Avila <[frank.avila@lacity.org](mailto:frank.avila@lacity.org)> wrote:

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>>>>>> Good morning,

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>>>>>> The timer was replaced by RAP Electrician and programmed for the hours of 5 pm until 730 am. We'll double check operation today.

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>>>>>> Thank you

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>>>>>>> On Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 5:51 PM, Sophia Pinacortez <[sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org](mailto:sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org)> wrote:

>>>>>>> UPDATE :

>>>>>>> The lights went on ( Thank You) however is it possible to have the timer changed to 5 pm ?

>>>>>>> The children are walking home from practice in the dark .

>>>>>>> Much Appreciated ,

>>>>>>> spc ;-)

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>>>>>>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>>>>>>> On Nov 14, 2017, at 5:30 PM, CRAIG SILVA < > wrote:

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>>>>>>>> Also, we need a contact number for you all.

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&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; Craig-[REDACTED]

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&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; On Nov 14, 2017, at 5:26 PM, CRAIG SILVA &lt;[REDACTED]&gt; wrote:

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&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; Sophia, Albert, Juan,

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&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; As per your request to let you know Sophia, there are NO lights on and it is Pitch black here at 5:30. What is the issue now? What time is the timer set for?

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&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; I would like you guys to meet me at the Park tomorrow. I will take time out of my work day to accommodate you, this as you imagine is frustrating, but it CANNOT go 1 more day without lighting, This is an invite for serious Crime.

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&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; Frustrated

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>>>>>>> On Nov 14, 2017, at 11:23 AM, Sophia Pinacortez <[sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org](mailto:sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org)> wrote:

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&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; Hello Craig :

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&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; As Albert indicated the electricians should be going out today however if for any unknown reason the lights do not go on PLEASE let us know.

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>>>>>>> Warm regards  ,

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; spc :-)

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&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; On Tue, Nov 14, 2017 at 9:26 AM, CRAIG SILVA &lt;[REDACTED]&gt; wrote:

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; Sophia,

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&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; Thank you for your prompt response to this matter, I am respectfully appreciative to all of your department colleagues for their immediate response and attention to this matter as well and for this prompt solution.

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>>>>>>> On Nov 14, 2017, at 6:15 AM, Sophia Pinacortez <[sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org](mailto:sophia.pinacortez@lacity.org)> wrote:

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&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; Albert and Jose :

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; Your personal efforts and follow up are appreciated!

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; Craig :

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; Teamwork makes things happen.

&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; Thank You for being our extra pair of eyes !

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&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; On Nov 13, 2017, at 10:16 PM, CRAIG DESILVA &lt;[REDACTED]&gt; wrote:

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&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; And an apology to you Jose , I see you sent me an email at 10 am this morning that I missed saying you would check into this. I do appreciate knowing you responded, only sorry I hadn't seen it.

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&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; None the less, I had hoped the situation would have been rectified by this evening being so many days without.

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&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; In the end, it appears Albert, &amp; Yourself as well as the Parks and Rec team seem to have it in order.

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&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt; Craig

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>>>>>>>> On Nov 13, 2017, at 8:12 PM, Albert Torres <[albert.torres@lacity.org](mailto:albert.torres@lacity.org)> wrote:  
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>>>>>>>> Craig,  
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>>>>>>>> I'll check on the work order to return the park lights back on, first thing in the morning. Your writing sparks memories of the Hollywood Sentinels, an incredible group under the leadership of Virginia Sharon, Thanks for letting us know.  
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>>>>>>>> Albert Torres  
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>>>>>>>> Captain  
>>>>>>>> Park Rangers  
>>>>>>>> [Albert.Torres@lacity.org](mailto:Albert.Torres@lacity.org)  
>>>>>>>> Dispatch 323 644-6661  
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>>>>>>>> On Mon, Nov 13, 2017 at 7:39 PM, CRAIG SILVA <[craigdesilva@mac.com](mailto:craigdesilva@mac.com)> wrote:  
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>>>>>>>> Dear Albert, Sophia, Juan,  
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>>>>>>>> I sent an email out last week to both Catherine Landers and to Jose Monge regarding the upcoming Holiday weekend and the NEED to get the De Longpre Park Lights turned back ON!  
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>>>>>>>> To no avail did I get a response from either Catherine Landers, or Jose Monge, however at least Jose had spoken to me the first time I called him more than a week and a half ago about the same issue, and then immediately corrected the issue.  
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>>>>>>>> By end of last week, we were back to having NO LIGHTS in De Longpre Park. THIS IS NOT OK. This time, no response from Jose either, so I assumed this was being put to the side, hence this additional email to you 3, Albert, Sophia, and Juan, and all CC'd.  
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>>>>>>>> The Park had been deemed a Priority Park quite some time ago due to drug activity, (Use and Sale of), Street worker activity, ( hookers both straight and Trans), and a plethora of other issues including assaults and vandalism of residents cars around the park. Not addressing a safety issue such as security lighting, etc. in a Public City Park being kept open til 10:30 PM 7 days a week, is a MAJOR CITY LIABILITY!  
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>>>>>>>> Ask the LAPD, Paul Jordan is copied on this email as he is on all my emails of this nature, because he works Tirelessly on keeping the Park and the neighborhood safe and as Crime Free as possible all day long during his shifts. .  
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>>>>>>>> I spent many years participating in CPAB meetings as the CHNC C0 Chair of Public Safety, and I can near to guarantee this will be a bigger issue if not addressed immediately, tomorrow by the latest.  
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>>>>>>>> If Jose Monge was able to get it done the first time the lights were not going on, what is the issue now? The Field Deputy told a fellow constituent she was handling it, did you people get an email or call from Catherine Landers?  
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>>>>>>>> Catherine, did you call or email them?  
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>>>>>>>> In the Last 4 days, I have seen a resurgence of Condoms and Condom wrappers around the parameter of the park that I have cleaned up, and more trash than I usually pick up daily, ( remember folks, there are 3 schools within the immediate area, a daycare directly across from the Park on June, etc. etc.).  
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>>>>>>>> Need I say more about the DANGER of this activity reemerging after years and years of hard work by people like myself, The Carrera's The Wehbe's , Paul Jordan Beatrice Girmala, etc. etc.  
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>>>>>>>> We the stakeholders all do this in addition to our own careers, taking care of our families, etc.  
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>>>>>>>> If Catherine Landers told a fellow constituent " She was on it" this morning, then Why wasn't it fixed today? Yet here we are on day 5 of NO LIGHTS ON IN THE PARK In the evening. By no action being taken for 5 days there is a message being rapidly sent to the transient community that this is a sure bet area to get away with Crime.  
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>>>>>>>> We the community are all frustrated and disappointed that this is how we are spending our down time after a hefty work day  
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>>>>>>>> Please respond in timely manner.  
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>>>>>>>> Respectfully and with regard,  
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>>>>>>>> Craig DeSilva & Fellow Stakeholders/ community members.  
>>>>>>>> De Longpre Park Neighborhood Alliance.

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